**Tourism projects in Jammu and Kashmir**

1032. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some tourism oriented projects that were sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir under the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan are still incomplete; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that the following projects of Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan are incomplete:

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Year sanction | Name ofthe Project | Amount released |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1993-94 | Tourist Complex at Achimthang, Leh | 14.00 |
| 2. | 1994-95 | Tourist Complex at Lamayuru | 13.70 |
| 3. | 2000-01 | Tourist Reception Centre at Chandanbari Pahalgam | 36.00 |

**Appu Ghar**

†1033. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the agency engaged in maintenance and control of Appu Ghar situated in Delhi;

(b) whether the tourists are compelled to take the package of Rs. 220/- and Rs. 250/- in addition to the prescribed charges of Rs.20/- and Rs.10/- for visit to Appu Ghar;

(c) whether it is justified that adult tourists are compelled to take package even after taking the package for visit of Appu Ghar for the children;

(d) whether Government would consider to get this compulsion removed through the Government of NCT of Delhi; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Appu Ghar is being maintained and controlled by M/s. International Amusement Limited (IAL), New Delhi.

(b) and (c) M/s. International Amusement Limited (IAL) has its own policy, being a private company.

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(d) and (e) Land which was earlier leased to M/s. International Amusement Limited (IAL) by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) has now been resumed by Land and Development Office (L&DO) for being allotted to Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

**Light-and-sound programmes at important tourist places**

†1034. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are having any plan to introduce light-and-sound programmes at the important tourist places in Rajasthan at its own or in association with the State Government; and

(b) if not, whether the Central Government intend to formulate such plans?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Three projects for SEL Shows have been sanctioned for the Government of Rajasthan during the Tenth Plan. Details are as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project | Year | Amount Sanctioned |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | SEL Show at Kumbalgarh | 2002-03 | 195.00 |
| 2. | SEL Show at Chittorgarh | 2002-03 | 206.10 |
| 3. | SEL Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur | 2005-06 | 129.26 |

**Development of tourism infrastructure in Rajasthan**

†1035. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to implement projects with regard to development of infrastructure for tourism in Rajasthan at the Central level or in cooperation with the State Government; and

(b) if so, the location and the nature thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the Tenth Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 8183.85 lakh has been sanctioned to the Government of Rajasthan for development of infrastructure at tourist destination and circuits. In the current financial year a project 'Floodlighting of monuments in Rajasthan' has been sanctioned for Rs. 800.00 lakh. This project covers 28 monuments spread across different districts such as Jaipur, Karauli, Udaipur, Ajmer, Dausa, Chum, Dholpur, Madhopur, Jaisalmer, Bharatpur, Jhalawar, Bikaner and Kota.

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